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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<p>In re. application of: Hirotaka KURITA et al.</p> <p>Serial No.: unknown</p> <p>Filing or 371(c) Date: concurrently herewith</p> <p>For: ENGINE COMPONENT PART AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME</p>	<p>International Application No.: PCT/JP2005/003442</p> <p>International Filing Date: February 23, 2005</p>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application,  
Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Amendment:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page       of this paper and include  
an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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made.